

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(original) A drape product (1;1' ; 17-20) for surgical interventions, comprising an opening(0) intended to be arranged around an operating site on a patient, which drape product, during use, forms a barrier between the operating site and that part of a patient's body lying outside the operating site, characterized in that the drape product comprises at least one member (10,11 ; 15; 25) for receiving and/or securing sutures or the like, through which member a suture or the like can be passed without damaging or destroying the barrier between the operating site(0) and that part of a patient's body lying outside the operating site.

2.(original) The drape product as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that members (10,11 ; 25) for receiving and/or securing sutures or the like are arranged on at least two sides of the opening(0) of the product in such a way that the flow of fluid from the operating site is not impeded by these members.

3.(currently amended) The drape product as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that each member (10,11 ; 15; 25) is situated at a distance of 15-150 mm from the nearest edge of the opening of the product.

4.(currently amended) The drape product as claimed in claim 1,[[2 or 3]], characterized in that the drape product consists of a surgical sheet (1) for gynecological operations with an operation opening(0) which, during use of the sheet, has an upper edge (6),

a lower edge (7), and two opposite side edges (8, 9), and members (10,11) for receiving and/or securing sutures or the like are arranged on both sides of the operation opening(0).

5.(currently amended) The drape product as claimed in claim 1,[[2, 3 or 4,]] characterized in that the members (10,11) for receiving and/or securing sutures or the like consist of upwardly projecting folds in the product (1).

6.(currently amended) The drape product as claimed in claim 1,[[2, 3 or 4,]] characterized in that the members for receiving and/or securing sutures or the like consist of separate material sections (15; 25) secured to the top face of the product(1'; 17-20).

7.(original) The drape product as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the material sections (15; 25) consist of textile material, nonwoven fabric, plastic film, foam material or hook-and-loop material(Velcro).

8.(currently amended) The drape product as claimed in claim 6 [[or 7]], characterized in that a row (21-24) of separate material sections (25) extends parallel to at least one edge of the opening(0) of the product (17-20), and the intermediate spaces between the material sections (25) in the row allow fluid to flow past the row of material sections (21-24).

9.(new) The drape product as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that each member (10,11 ; 15; 25) is situated at a distance of 15-150 mm from the nearest edge of the opening of the product.

10.(new) The drape product as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that a row (21-24) of separate material sections (25) extends

parallel to at least one edge of the opening(0) of the product (17-20), and the intermediate spaces between the material sections (25) in the row allow fluid to flow past the row of material sections (21-24).